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Dear FDA,

I am writing concerning the labeling of irradiated foods. While I have no personal qualms with the irradiation of food, I deem it only fair to the American public to give them "truth in advertising", so to speak. To deny them this information is to cheat them of their freedom of choice. As with attempts by corporate entities to pollute the "organic" label, use toxic waste as fertilizer on food and animal products (still allowed, I believe), slip genetically engineered food products into super market, or self-regulate its own animal processing industry, concealing irradiation denies us the information we need to make what we feel are sound choices.

After all, where would we be without nutritional food labeling? Back to the days of yummy, all fat Spam?

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I do hope you will protect consumer interest by requiring that irradiated foods be so labeled, in letters large enough to read without a magnifying glass. Otherwise, you sell us down river.

Sincerely,

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